



**St. Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 22nd June**  
**First Sunday after Trinity**

**A WARM WELCOME** to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.

Morning Readings: Isaiah 65.1-9, Galatians 3.23-end, Luke 8.26-39

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Suzette Maguire

**10.00am The Junction** with St Helen's Sunday Club

**10.30am Sung Eucharist**



President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Suzette Maguire  
Reader(s): (OT) Pat Marshall (NT) Paul Evans

**Psalm**  
22:19-28

Music led by Senior Girls, Ladies and Back Row  
Gloria: Mass of Creation - Marty Haugen  
Setting: Missa Brevis 'Capella Regalis' - Ceasar  
Anthem: Beati Quorum Via - Stanford  
Voluntary: Nun Danket Alle Gott - Karg-Elert

**Hymns:**  
86 (omit v3)  
186  
129 (omit v3)  
144

**5.00pm Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
Readings: Genesis 24.1-27, Mark 5.21- end  
Reader: Geoff Naylor

**Psalm**  
39

Music led by Junior Choristers, Senior Boys and Back Row  
Ayleward Responses  
Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C - Bryan Kelly  
Anthem: I Will Sing with the Spirit - John Rutter  
Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in C minor - C. P. E Bach

**Hymns:**  
391  
200  
252

**St Alphege Church is now open 10.00am to 3.00pm on Weekdays  
& 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 23	9.00am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Interment of Ashes for Ken Hewitt
Tues 24	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH Bellringers practice
Weds 25	9.15am 1.10pm	Open The Book - St Alphege Infant School Service Lunchtime Recital - Himley Duo (violin and piano) Anna Downes and Tony Bridgewater.
Thurs 26	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist
Fri 27	9.00am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Interment of Ashes for Richard Cann

**BIBLE READING:** Isaiah 65.1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

**BIBLE READING:** Galatians 3.23-end

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 8.26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## **COLLECT**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	For monastic communities and the Diocese of Ely
Tuesday	For those finding it difficult to conceive
Wednesday	For our spiritual renewal through prayer and fasting
Thursday	For candidates preparing for Ordination
Friday	For theological colleges and seminaries

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED**

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, David, Suzette, Gary Sheppard, Andy Hodgkinson, David Patterson, and Gerald Blackburn.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlet and Hilary Thurlow.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Audrey Ranger, Diana Barnes (nee Marston), Jeanne Bargery, Iris Stirling, David Oakes, Peter McDonald Clark, and Gráinne Buggy

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 29th June - Peter and Paul Apostles**

**Services:** 8.00am Said Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall  
9.15pm The Junction - OBH  
10.30am Sung Eucharist - President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: James Spencer

Morning Readings: Exodus 14.10-15, Acts 12.1-11 and Matthew 16.13-19

5.00pm Taizé - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Reading: John 21.15-22

7.00pm St Alphege Choirs Summer Concert

**NOTICES** (send any notices to [pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk) by 10am on Wednesdays)

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**Curacy news from Nick:** I have discerned that it would be unwise to proceed at this time with Karen Marlow-Tipple serving her curacy here in Solihull Parish – a difficult decision endorsed by senior colleagues and received by Karen with understanding and grace. We pray Godspeed for her.

**Parish Picnic – 12.30pm Sunday 13th July at St. Helen's** Please plan to come and share fellowship and food, saying a fond farewell and thank you to Linda Hicks as she retires after many years of fruitful ministry.

**Director of Ministry to Children, Youth and Families** We were not successful in attracting a qualified candidate for this post and will be re-advertising. Please hold the process in your prayers, that the right person would be prompted to apply. Please also pray for all who sustain this vital area of ministry, especially those who volunteer, that things would be held well during any interim.

**Compassion UK** We look forward to welcoming James Spencer as our guest preacher next Sunday 29th June at 10.30am. Please see the June edition of Parish News for full details.

**Wednesday lunchtime recital** - 25th June. Himley Duo (violin and piano) Anna Downes and Tony Bridgewater. Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection, in aid of the Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

**Revd Michael Freeman** - Revd Bill Matthews, is arranging a service of celebration for Revd Michael Freeman's, 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest who served as Team Vicar of St Francis, Solihull from 1981-1986. Please contact Revd Bill on 07980 677 726 if you have any memories you might be able to share for inclusion in the celebration.

**St. Alphege Choirs Summer Concert:** Sunday June 29th 7.00pm. Part of Solihull Choirs Festival – in church with choral favourites such as Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Parry's 'I was Glad'. Admission will be free.

**The late Peter McDonald Clark.** On Monday 30th June at 11am a service of remembrance and thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's, Lapworth, B94 5NX.

**St Alphege Wives' Fellowship** meeting at 12noon on July 4th please contact Carol Caldicott on 0121 705-3168 for more information.

**Knowle Parish Church** are looking for a new Communications Officer (part time). If you would like to find out more about this post, please contact our current Communications Officer, Catherine Robinson, who will be retiring: [catherine.robinson@kpc.org.uk](mailto:catherine.robinson@kpc.org.uk) / 01564 779123. Closing date for applications: 1 August 2025

### **Linda's Retirement**

Linda Hicks is retiring at the end of this school term in July. We are organising a collection as thanks for her many years of commitment to our parish families and local schools. If you would like to contribute towards the collection you can either take cash to the Parish Office or use the following QR code.



**Donations:** To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963. To make a one-off payment please use one of the two methods below:-

To donate to St Alphege use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door or scan this QR code



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